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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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- Copies of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed August 8, 2001, which were filed in the parent application. Please enter these in this application.
- Form PTO-1449, 17 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
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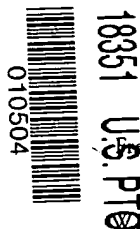
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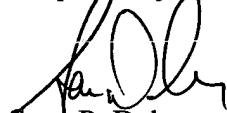
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